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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the July 26, 2007, Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends October 26, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized by the undersigned to charge any underpayment or any necessary additional fees to deposit account 50-2263. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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